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National Interest Grows in Faith-Based Support for Offenders Returning from Prison

**Reentry Week Activities in DC Highlight Efforts to Assist Offenders
Returning From Prison--See www.csosa.gov (yellow button) for details**

**Celebration of Faith-Based Mentors (many in the choir are former
offenders) at St. Luke's in SE DC on Thursday, February 3**

Media note: Coverage can be personalized through interviews with offenders and their mentors, or offenders who are now religious leaders

*"Returning offenders face tremendous challenges. Their prospects for success are enhanced when CSOSA, faith-based and community organizations work together to provide structure, accountability, guidance and opportunity. Our public safety goals are met when returning offenders become productive citizens," -- Paul A. Quander, Jr.,
Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.*

(Washington, DC)— The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA—a federal executive branch agency) and the faith community of Washington, DC announce a series of events designed to highlight successful partnership and to encourage others to join in providing support to returning offenders. Restorative justice and community partnerships that enhance services to returning offenders are primary themes of the 2005 Reentry Week activities.

Established in 1997, CSOSA provides probation and post-incarceration services to approximately 15,500 criminal offenders in DC. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity. Each year, approximately 2,000 offenders return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia.

Reentry Week 2005 Events
Contact 202-220-5616 (cell-240-882-8274) or www.csosa.gov
(yellow button) for details

Saturday, January 29:

Previously Incarcerated Persons Community Forum
D.C. Youth Facility, 1000 Mt. Olivet Road NE,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 30:

Reentry Worship Services (Christian)

Monday, January 31:

Open House, DC Reentry Service Center
609 H Street NE, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1:

Employment Open House, Bellevue Center
4415 S. Capitol Street SW, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2:

Winter Cook-In for Mentors, Mentees and Community Supervision Officers
633 Indiana Avenue, NW, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 3:

Project Empowerment Plus Graduation, DC Reentry Service Center
Kellogg Conference Center, Gallaudet University, 12 noon

Citywide Assembly, St. Luke Center,

4923 East Capitol Street SE, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, February 4:

Reentry Worship Services (Muslim)
1:00 p.m., Howard University Blackburn Center

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